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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of Certain Two-Way Stretch

Twill Fabric (Investigation No. 332-458-008)

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of certain two-way stretch twill fabric. The woven fabric, classified in HTS subheading 5515.11.00, is dyed and made with three-ply yarns of 62% staple polyester, 33% staple rayon, 5% filament spandex. The fabric weighs about 285 grams per square meter and has 40.9 warp ends per centimeter and 27.6 filling picks per centimeter.

The petition was filed by Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt, LLP, on behalf of Pressman-Gutman Co., Inc., New York, NY, and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on June 18, 2004. The petition alleges that the fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will conduct the review and provide advice under its investigation No. 332-458, Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics, regardless of the source of the fabrics, should CITA determine that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in a classified report by July 30, 2004, and issue a public version of it soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review by July 15, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the

Federal Register of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332.

Further information on this review can be obtained from Vincent DeSapio (202-205-3435; *vincent.desapio@usitc.gov*). Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at *www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm*. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial_Availability.htm.